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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: A8287

Gregg D. SUCHA, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/050,716

Group Art Unit: 2828

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Examiner: Jeffrey N. ZAHN

Filed: January 18, 2002

For: SCANNING TEMPORAL ULTRAFAST DELAY METHODS AND APPARATUSES THEREOF

**RESPONSE**

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 9, 2004, kindly consider Applicants' arguments and comments set forth below.

**REMARKS**

In the Office Action of the above date, the Examiner has rejected pending claims 30-61 under either 35 U.S.C. § 102 or 35 U.S.C. § 103, relying primarily upon Buser patent 4,380,391. Applicants respectfully submit that this reference is not relevant with respect to the present application, and accordingly seek reconsideration.

The Examiner has apparently cited the Buser reference owing to its disclosure in Figure 3 of spools 52, 54. However, the Examiner has not considered the context of this teaching, or the actual limitations of the present claims.